

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA (NORFOLK) PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
(in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circ.No.1307)
Year ended 31st. December 1937.

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.

		TABLE A.					Infect- -ious Diseases.
		No.	Tonnage	Inspected by M.O.H.	by Inspector.	Reported Defective.	Defects Remedied.
FOREIGN	2.	221.	1.	1.	-	-	-
COASTWISE							
Steamers	12.	840.	2.	7.	-	-	-
Motor	37.	4060.	4.	29.	-	-	-
Sailing	20.	2404.	2.	10.	-	-	-
Fishing	Nil.	- -	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	71	7525	9	47	-	-	-

11. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

TABLE B.

(a) Passenger Traffic during 1937

NIL.

(b) Cargo Traffic.

Principal Imports: Oil Cake, Wheat, Coal, Offals.

Principal Exports: Wheat, Barley.

Foreign Ports from which Vessels arrive: - Rotterdam.

111. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY.

(a) For the Port. Public Supply.
(b) For Shipping. Do.
(c) Number of Water Boats
and their Sanitary
condition. None

IV. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

- (1) Arrangements for detection of infectious disease on inward vessels: INSPECTION.
- (2) Arrangement for notification to P.S.A. of arrival of inward vessels requiring special attention. PILOT.
- (3) What Vessels are boarded on arrival? By whom, where and how? BY INSPECTOR, ALL POSSIBLE, AT QUAY.
- (4) Arrangements for disposal of cases of Infectious Disease and for observation or surveillance of contacts. NIL.
- (5) Arrangements for disinfection of infected quarters, bedding, clothing etc. BY SANITARY INSPECTOR.
- (6) Arrangement for cleansing persons. NONE.
- (7) Arrangements for Ambulance Transport. RED CROSS.
- (8) Arrangements for detection and treatment of Venereal Disease amongst sailors. NONE.
- (9) Arrangements for bacteriological examination of rats. NONE.
- (10) Arrangements for other bacteriological examinations. NONE.

Cases of Infectious Disease landed from Vessels:

NONE.

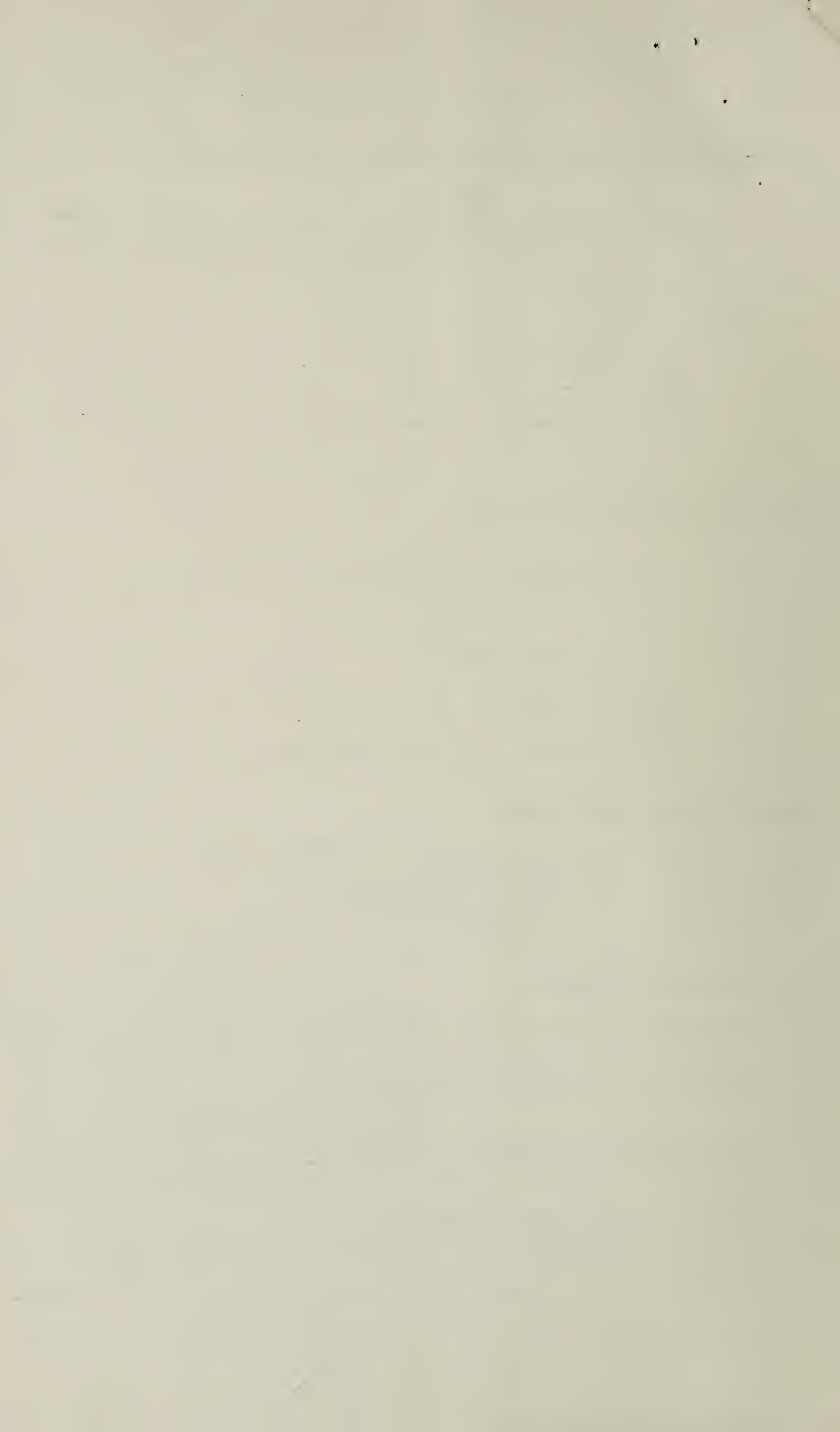


TABLE D.

Cases of Infectious Sickness occurring on Vessels during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival.

NIL.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

- (1) Steps for detection of recent plague (a) in Ships in the port
- (b) On quays, wharves, warehouses etc in the vicinity of the port. TRAPPING.
- (2) Measures taken to prevent the passage of rats between ships and the shore. NO SPECIAL.
- (3) Methods of deratisation of (a) Ships. NONE.
- (b) Premises in vicinity of docks or quays. NONE.
- (4) Measures taken for the detection of rat prevalence in ships and on shore. INSPECTION.
- (5) Rat proofing: (a) To what extent are docks, wharves etc rat proof? FAIRLY PROOF.
- (b) Action taken to extend rat-proofing (i) In Ships (ii) On shore. NONE.

Rats destroyed during 1937

TABLE E.

- (1) On vessels. NIL.

TABLE F.

- (2) In docks, quays, wharves and warehouses. NO RECORD KEPT.

TABLE G.

Measures of Rat destruction on Plague "infected" or "suspected" Vessels or Vessels from Plague infected ports arriving in the Port during 1937.

- (1) Total number of such vessels arriving. NONE.

TABLE H.

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during 1937. NONE.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS SPACES.

TABLE J.
Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of Vessel.	Number inspected during 1937.
British	51.
Dutch	2.

VII. FOOD INSPECTION.

(2) Shellfish :-


There is a large Whelk Fishery. These being fished in open waters. They are washed in fresh water and boiled on landing and dispatched the same day to various markets.

Cockles are gathered on the sands $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Quay, these sands being clean and free from pollution.

Seed mussels are obtained from the sand flats of the Wash and laid in the Harbour and Sluice Hole Creek for one or two years to mature, Before marketing they are placed in pits on the Saltings for a period of seven days for cleaning under the control of an Inspector appointed by the Council.

(signed) ERNEST W.HICKS, M.R.C.S.

Port Medical Officer of Health.



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WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,

Wells.

27th May 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wells Port Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,

During the past year 71 vessels entered the Port for or with cargo, being a total tonnage of 7525 tons Nett Register, this being a decrease of 20 ships and 4044 tons as compared with the previous year. The reduction being due to the stoppage of Sugar Beet shipments.

The following are the classes of vessels using the Port:-

<u>TYPE.</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>TONNAGE. (NETT REGISTER)</u>
Motor Vessels	39	4281
Steamers	12	840
Sailing	20	2404
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	71	7525
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All vessels with the exception of two Dutch Motor Vessels were of British Registration.

The following are the ports or places with which Wells had trade during the year:-

<u>PORT or PLACE.</u>	<u>IMPORTS.</u>	<u>EXPORTS.</u>
London.	Offals, Oilcake.	Wheat.
Hull.	Wheat, Oilcake.	-
Sunderland.	-	Barley.
King's Lynn.	-	Wheat.
Selby.	-	Barley.
Antwerp.	Oilcake.	-
Keadby.	Coal.	-
Blythe.	Coal.	-

In April five samples of Whelks were submitted for examination and as a result instructions were issued in May prohibiting the depositing of Whelks into the Harbour during the process of unloading the catch.

The fishermen now wash their catches in the sea near the Harbour mouth or in fresh water at the boiling houses.

Yours obediently,

F. Rodwell.

Sanitary Inspector.



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